SEEKING THE IDEAL OF A MATCHLESS, ETERNAL LOVE, A MAN CALLS UPON THIS MANSION TODAY...

MY MY, YOU TWO
HOW DID YOU PASS THE TIME TODAY?
HOW ARE YOU TODAY, FATHER..
HOW ARE YOU TODAY FATHER?
I SPENT THE DAY READING A BOOK IN THE LIBRARY
I READ THE WHOLE THING, BUT IT WAS A BIT BORING
I MADE SWEETS USING INGREDIENTS FROM THE GREENHOUSE THEY CAME OUT PERFECT!
WHEN THIS BLIZZARD
I SEE... WELL, IT WILL START SNOWING IN THE FOOT-HILLS SOON.
IS OVER, THEN THE THREE OF US...

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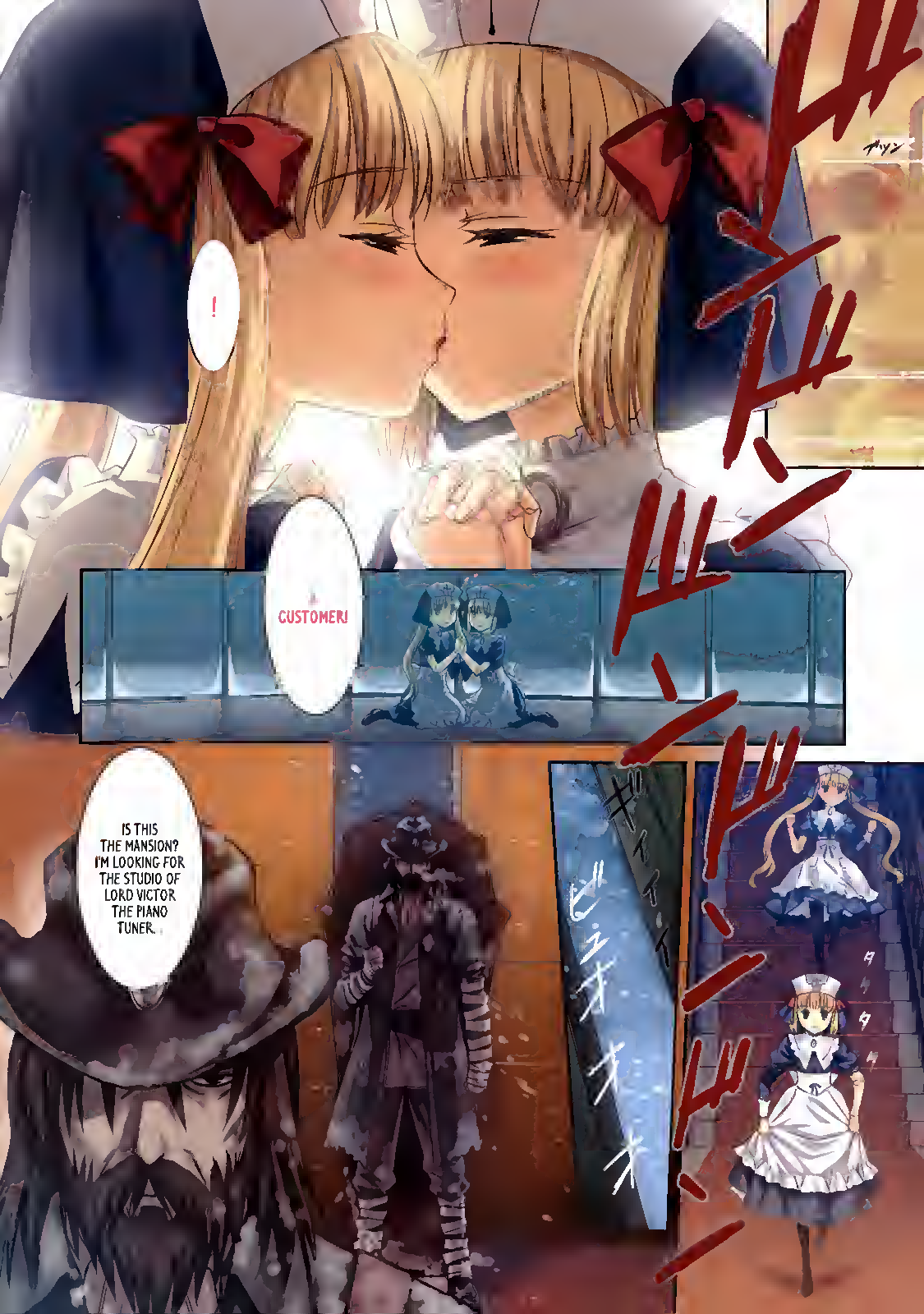
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CUSTOMER!
IS THIS THE MANSION? I'M LOOKING FOR THE STUDIO OF LORD VICTOR THE PIANO TUNER.
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I'M ARIEL
DESPITE OUR APPEAR-ANCE, WE ARE HALF HUMAN I'M ERIELLE
W-WELCOME... PLEASE COME IN...
MY...IT REALLY IS A CUS-TOMER!
WE ARE FATHER'S CREATIONS
AUTO-MATONS...
I HAD HEARD RUMORS OF LORD VICTOR'S CRAFTSMANSHIP IN MAKING DOLLS... BUT THIS IS MARVELOUS!
I AM RUDOLF I BEG OF YOU PLEASE SAVE MY WIFE SELMA
SHE NEEDS A NEW BODY!

I'VE HEARD THAT VICTOR IS THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH CAPABLE OF SUCH AN OPERATION.
THE PIANO TUNER. HE CAN TAKE MY WIFE'S CRYSTALLIZED BRAIN AND TRANSPLANT IT INTO A MECHANICAL BODY, RESURRECTING HER IN DOLL FORM...
I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE, TAKE THIS. JUST SAVE MY WIFE...!
BEAUTIFUL!
CRYSTALLIZATION SYNDROME
INCREDIBLE! FATHER WILL BE VERY PLEASED, WON'T HE, ARIEL?
WNA--!
...WE CANNOT
WHY?! THIS SHOULD COVER THE COST, SHOULD IT NOT?!
EEEK!
ARIEL!
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN

HER BODY HAS DECAYED WITH TIME HER HEART IS SHATTERED
IF BOTH THE HEART AND BRAIN ARE NOT INTACT, EVEN IF WE WERE TO MAKE HER INTO A DOLL, SHE COULD NOT BE REVIVED
WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDER-STAND...
THAT CAN'T BE...
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GUH...
EEK...!
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I-I SEE I COLLAPSED, DION'T I...
YOU MUSTN'T PUSH YOURSELF...
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AHH, SO YOU SAW THAT...
UMM, HERE
FORGIVE ME FOR CAUSING YOU SUCH TROUBLE
I SOLD OUR HOUSE AND AUCTIONED THE LAND BUT EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH...TO ACCUMULATE ENOUGH MONEY BY WORKING, JUST REQUIRED TIME AND DETER-MINATION...
THE PIANO TUNER'S FEE WOULD REQUIRE AN ENORMOUS SUM OF MONEY IT WAS ALMOST UNATTAINABLE TO AN IMPOVERISHED WIDOWER LIKE ME
I KNEW EVEN BACK THEN THAT IT WAS TOO LATE
MY WIFE HAS BEEN CRYSTALLIZED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS NOW

I DON'T HAVE LONG LEFT MYSELF.
IT'S THE SAME ILLNESS MY WIFE HAS.
INDEED...
BESIDES YOU ALSO...
BUT... I GUESS EVEN THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM
EVEN IF IT MEANT THERE WERE NO FUTURE FOR MYSELF... AT LEAST MY WIFE, FOR WHOM I HAD GIVEN EVERY-THING...
HOW SAD...
THEN WE WILL LET YOU MEET
WITH FATHER
!
MISTER. WOULD YOU DESIRE A DREAM?

FATHER'S WORK IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY HE'LL FIND A PERFECT SOLUTION, DON'T YOU THINK?
FATHER ESPECIALLY LIKES THAT KIND OF PERSON.
ARIEL... THIS MAN FEELS HE HAS NOTHING MORE TO LOSE
FATHER WON'T LISTEN TO EMOT-ION...
ARE YOU SYMPATHIZING? WE MUSTN'T INTERVENE!
ERIELLE

PLEASE SIT OVER THERE
LORD VICTOR'S BUT WHERE IS HE?
FATHER'S STUDIO
TNIS IS
OKAAAY.
JUST A MOMENT NOW WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER,
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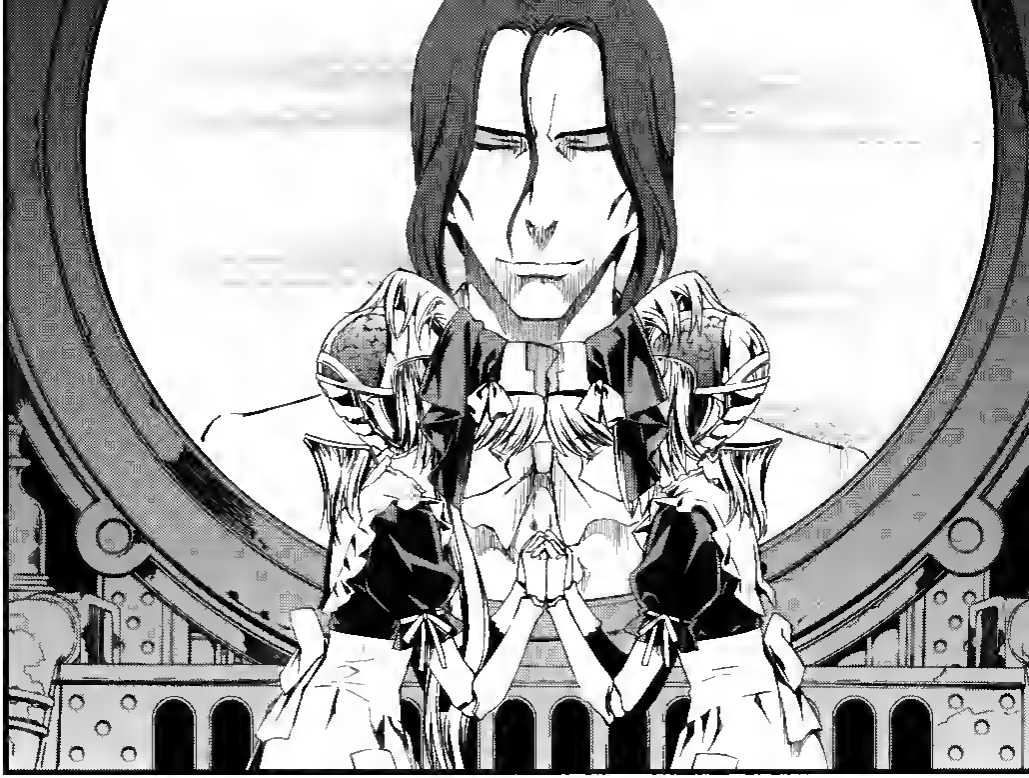
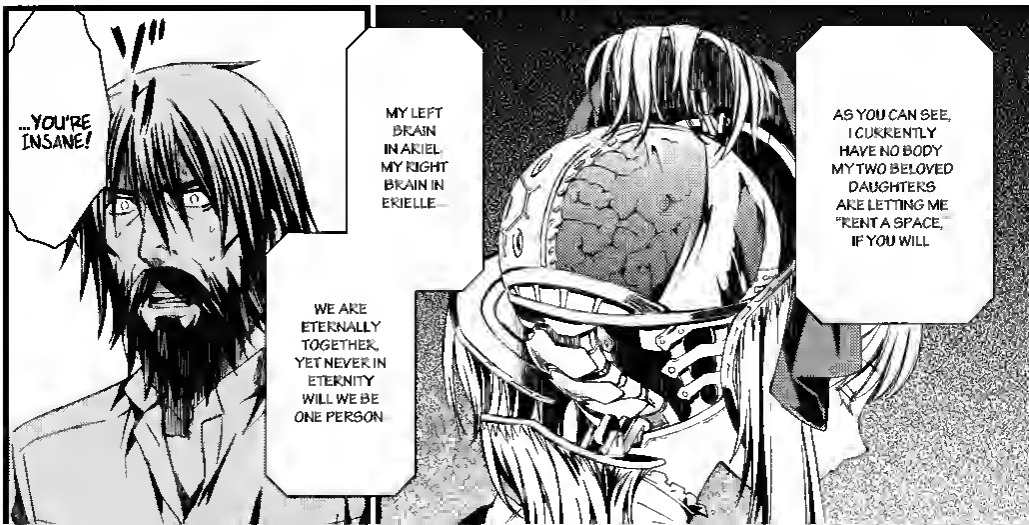


I AM VICTOR.
WELL... PLEASED TO MEET YOU


...YOU'RE INSANE!
MY LEFT BRAIN IN ARIEL. MY RIGHT BRAIN IN ERIELLE...
AS YOU CAN SEE, I CURRENTLY HAVE NO BODY. MY TWO BELOVED DAUGHTERS ARE LETTING ME "RENT A SPACE," IF YOU WILL.
WE ARE ETERNALLY TOGETHER, YET NEVER IN ETERNITY WILL WE BE ONE PERSON.

I'M INSANE. HUH? DON'T YOU THINK YOUR REQUEST IS AS EQUALLY INSANE?
RESUSCITATING THE DEAD IS AN ACTION THAT DISTORTS CAUSE AND EFFECT
THERE IS A PRICE THAT MUST BE PAID FOR SUCH A THING
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THAT?
...YES...
YES, I AM I WON'T DENY IT.
MY REQUEST IS AN ACT THAT DEFIES THE LAWS OF GOD
HOW-EVER, I DON'T CARE
FOR HER SAKE, I'LL DO ANYTHING.
ANY-THING, I TELL YOU!
...VERY WELL. IN THAT CASE,
ARIEL, ERIELLE--
BEGIN THE OPERA-TION.

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YES, FATHER.
GOODNIGHT, MISTER.
SWEET DREAMS
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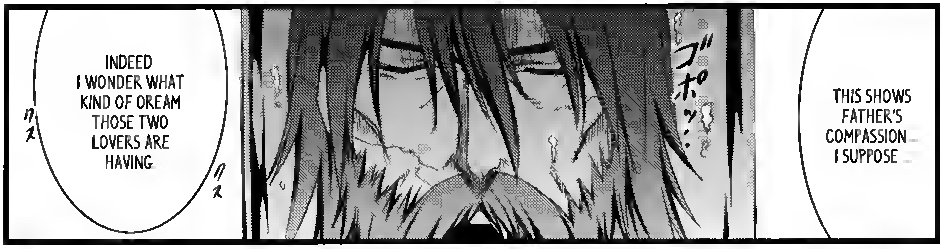
DARLING!
OHH... DARLING, WHAT HAVE YOU...?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT... AT LEAST I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU AGAIN...
AS LONG AS WE HAVE OUR MEMORIES, THE FORM... DOESN'T MATTER.
MY MEMORIES ARE HERE
LIVE ON
FOR YOU AND FOR ME...

WITH ONLY ONE WORKING HEART THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION
WHAT IS IT, ARIEL?
TO-GETHER... FOREVER... HUH?
DAR-LING


INDEED I WONDER WHAT KIND OF DREAM THOSE TWO LOVERS ARE HAVING
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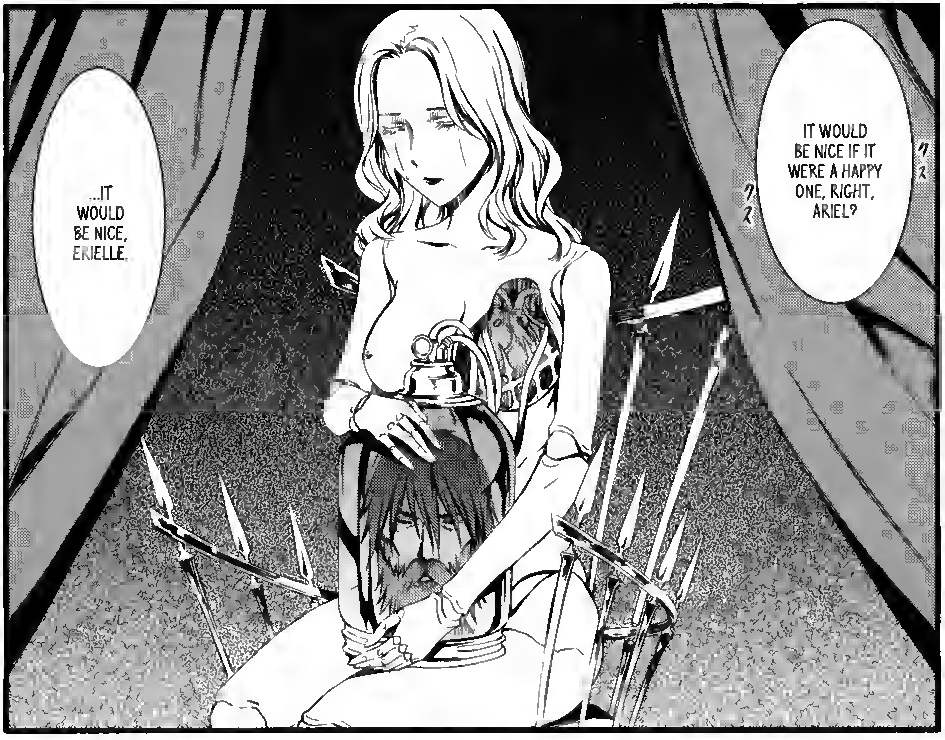
THIS SHOWS FATHER'S COMPASSION... I SUPPOSE...


...IT WOULD BE NICE, ERIELLE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT WERE A HAPPY ONE, RIGHT, ARIEL?